

4288. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. * * * v. 32 Cases * * * of Shell Eggs. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6758. I. S. No. 16421-k. S. No. C-278.)

On July 21, 1915, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 32 cases, each containing 30 dozen of shell eggs, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the product had been shipped on July 14, 1915, and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that the article, when it was so shipped as aforesaid, consisted in part of a filthy animal substance; for the further reason that it consisted wholly of a decomposed animal substance; for the further reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance; and for the further reason that it consisted in part of a putrid animal substance.

On September 11, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*